

## Shultz says no role for Habib in Syria

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WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday said the U.S. will have to find someone to replace special Middle East envoy Philip Habib in future discussions with the Syrians because of their refusal to meet with him.

"As far as Ambassador Habib and Damascus are concerned," Shultz said, "they have stated that they don't want to receive him, so he won't go, and we will find other people who we hope will be acceptable to them and be able to carry on a discussion with them."

At a State Department news conference, the secretary made it clear that the administration is very anxious to maintain a high-level dialogue with the Syrians regarding a troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

Shultz said the U.S. is still in contact with the Syrians, noting that Washington and Damascus have exchanged diplomatic cables and that the U.S. ambassador in Syria has met with Syrian officials. "They

have said they are ready — and want to see — a dialogue with us," he said. "We feel the same way about it, and we hope that such will be arranged."

Shultz went on to insist that he has no plans to stop over in the Middle East on his way back to Washington from a forthcoming visit to the Far East.

His comments about Habib were rather surprising, since the special envoy received separate votes of confidence on Tuesday from both the White House and the State Department.

Well-placed diplomatic observers said Shultz's statement gave the appearance that the administration was giving in to Syrian "blackmail" as far as Habib is concerned.

The secretary refused to take a firm stance on a possible Israeli redeployment in southern Lebanon, insisting only that the overall U.S. objective is to see all foreign forces removed from Lebanon. He noted that the administration had been in close contact in recent days with both Israeli and Lebanese officials on these matters.

In response to a question, Shultz also praised Saudi Arabia as having played a "very constructive" role behind the scenes in trying to encourage the Syrians to cooperate in the troop withdrawal arrangements. Shultz continued to express confidence that the accord will eventually succeed.

He said the Palestinian question has to be resolved, because it is "at the heart" of the Arab-Israeli conflict. "We do have to pay attention, not just to us, but the PLO and everybody, to the legitimate rights and aspirations of these human beings and see if we can't do better by them," he said.

## Begin to meet Reagan twice in three days

Jerusalem Post Staff

The official part of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington will last three days, from July 27 to 29 and two appointments with U.S. President Ronald Reagan have already been scheduled.

Political sources in Jerusalem said last night that the talks between the two leaders would deal with the possible redeployment of the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon and the need to revive the peace process and to resume the autonomy talks.

## IDF heritage exhibit to open next month

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An exhibition of the Israel Defence Forces' heritage, which had been planned and then cancelled, is on again. It will be held at the fair grounds here from July 7 to the end of the month, a military source said yesterday.

The exhibition had been a source of controversy. After dropping plans to hold a military parade on Independence Day, Prime Minister

Hijacked Libyan plane bound for Beirut

ROME (AP). — A hijacked Libyan-chartered jetliner took off from Rome last night, reportedly bound for Beirut.

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## Syrian saves IDF soldier by the vest

Post Defence Reporter

A Syrian soldier saved an Israel Defence Forces soldier's skin, the Army's *Bamahaneh* magazine reported, by signalling him to put on his vest.

The Syrian, looking at the Israeli lines through binoculars, saw a convoy of high ranking IDF officials approaching a front line position, and noticed that an IDF soldier at the post was missing an article of

dress uniform — his bullet proof vest, the magazine reported in its latest edition.

The Syrian, apparently aware that the heavy jacket is part of full dress uniform, began signalling to the Israeli, pointing at the vest.

The Israeli complied, warned his colleagues of the impending visitors' arrival, and was able to receive the senior officers in full, immaculate dress.



Hunger-striking doctors at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital listen yesterday to the radio broadcast of the Knesset debate on their strike. The placard on the wall to the right reads: "Canaanite slaves had rights. Doctors in Israel still don't."

## Border policeman killed, 3 IDF men hurt in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A border policeman was killed and three IDF soldiers were wounded on Tuesday night when their patrol came under attack near the village of Arab Salim, four kilometres northeast of Nabatiya, in Lebanon.

The dead man was Samal Rishon Avraham Oved, 31, of Haifa. He was buried yesterday in the Haifa military cemetery.

One of the injured soldiers was operated on by army doctors in the field for a bullet wound in the stomach before being taken by helicopter to the Rambam hospital in Haifa. The other two soldiers,

who were slightly wounded, were also taken back to Israel.

The spot where the attack took place is on the road leading to Arab Salim village, near the Zaharani River. The terrorists, apparently two in number, hid behind rocks overlooking the road and opened up with light arms fire on the patrol. IDF forces closed off the area and began a search.

It was the fourth attack or attempted attack by terrorists on the IDF in this area in recent weeks. In one incident, a car bomb exploded near an IDF base. In another, IDF sappers dismantled a mine planted on the road.

The village of Arab Salim was known for its high concentration of terrorists before the Lebanon war. In an incident yesterday, an IDF tank went over a mine near the Lebanese village of Amik. There were no injuries, and damage was slight.

## Navy head: extend territorial waters

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Navy commander Aluf Zeev Almog believes that Israel must immediately extend its territorial waters to keep enemy missile boats at a safe distance.

In an interview with the Israel Defence Forces weekly *Bamahaneh*, Almog said Israel's coast is within range of enemy vessels sailing in international waters. The country's territorial waters extend only six miles from the coast, and the law should be amended to keep enemy vessels farther away, he advised.

Modern ship-borne missiles have a range of over 100 kilometres, and could be used to bombard targets far inland, said the commander.

An extension of territorial waters "will relieve us of the need to try to get ships sailing near our coasts to move out," Almog said.

Almog, who was interviewed on the occasion of Navy Day, said Israel's missile boats have been equipped with Vulcan Phalanx cannons. The cannons have radar and computers which calculate the range, height and course of approaching enemy missiles, then figure the right moment for opening a burst of fire to destroy them.

The next step will be to equip the boats with anti-missile missiles, such as were used in the Falklands campaign, Almog said.

## Doctors talks intensified Last-minute attempt to avert catastrophe

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

With the country's health services in a state of total collapse, talks were continuing late last night in a Jerusalem hotel. Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan said the negotiations with the striking doctors had reached "a turning point," but details of progress were shrouded in secrecy.

Earlier, Prime Minister Menachem Begin met in the Knesset with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor on the crisis, after an unofficial delegation of doctors from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital had called on the prime minister.

The Knesset yesterday rejected a Rakah-Communist motion of no-confidence in the government for its handling of the medical crisis, in one of the most acrimonious debates the house has ever known.

The Alignment voted against the government, after the coalition executive refused to accept its demand for arbitration to end the emergency. (Story, page 3)

Appearing on television last night, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak said that if the doctors do not accept the current offer, the government would move to ensure a minimum health services. "Asked whether this meant drafting the doctors into the IDF, he replied in the negative. "It just means setting up several hospitals as emergency hospitals."

After three Israel Medical Association representatives met for over three hours with the employers yesterday afternoon at the Health Ministry office in Jerusalem, a complete media blackout was imposed on the second meeting, scheduled for last night at 9 at an undisclosed location.

The afternoon session concentrated on reviewing the figures

worked out by the Treasury during the morning, after the doctors demanded additions to the new proposal presented to them on Tuesday night by the employers.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak asserted last night that the new proposal "exceeds the collective wage agreement (that is, a 22-per-cent wage increase)," and that this represents a "breakthrough."

Speaking on Israel Television's interview programme *Moked*, Shostak said that such proposals have "never been made to the doctors before."

According to the new offer, a specialist's basic salary would increase from IS14,980 to IS28,000, while that of a department head would climb from IS26,963 to IS49,435. These figures do not include overtime pay for nights shifts and standby duty, he pointed out.

The proposal, worked out by the Health Ministry and reluctantly accepted by the Treasury, was

## Medical services near total collapse

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
with Staff Reports

With more than half of the nation's hospital doctors fasting yesterday — some for as many as nine days — and hospitals throughout the country either closed or in the process of closing, the Israeli medical system is "in a state of total collapse."

This was the assessment last night of several hospital directors, all of whom expressed the "deepest concern" for the fate of the sick and wounded for whom, within the next

day or two, there will "simply be no place to go."

"It is hard to say right now if we are standing on the red line or if that line has already been passed," one of them said.

More than 30 hospital directors gathered yesterday in Health Minister Eliezer Shostak's office to report on the situation, exchange information, and discuss various ways of handling what was described as a "state of emergency."

Also present for the first time at a meeting of this nature was the Israel Defence Forces' chief medical officer

ficer Tat-Aluf Dr. Moshe Revah, who was invited by Health Ministry Director General Baruch Modan. Rumours that a mobilization of IDF doctors is being planned have been vigorously denied by ministry officials and the IDF spokesman. Revah was invited to participate on the basis that he is charged with the health of the country's soldiers and should be apprised first-hand of the situation in the medical system, the IDF spokesman said.

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## KGB finances largest Greek daily

By LEE STOKES  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

ATHENS. — An international investigation released to the press yesterday says that Greece's largest circulation (and "purportedly pro-government") daily, *Ethnos*, is financed by and operates in cooperation with the disinformation department (Foreign operations) of the KGB.

The report, which has been corroborated by western diplomatic sources, U.S. State Department bul-

letins and other, documentary evidence, also reveals for the first time that Soviet diplomat Evgeni Chistiakov, a press attache in his country's Athens embassy until July 1980, was a senior KGB and GRU (Military Intelligence) official.

It said that Chistiakov, whose expulsion was kept a secret by the previous conservative administration, had been caught red-handed while engaging in espionage activities against the NATO department of Greek Naval headquarters,

and was, in fact, the main link between *Ethnos* publisher George Bobolias and the KGB in Moscow.

In the framework of its anti-U.S. and anti-West line, the paper paid particular attention to discrediting Israeli policies, actions and even domestic politics. This would not only include highlighting the more negative aspects of Israel's involvement in the Middle East crisis, but the covering up of dialogue within

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	38	18-28	28
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Safed	33	16-29	29
Haifa Port	68	23-25	28
Tiberias	—	19-36	37
Nazareth	—	18-30	30
Afula	34	21-31	31
Shomron	27	19-30	30
Tel Aviv	66	20-28	28
B-G Airport	40	18-31	31
Jericho	23	18-38	38
Gaza	67	20-28	28
BeerSheva	34	17-31	31
Eilat	8	25-42	42

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

**Former Rumanian defence minister**  
Ion Koman and a delegation of the Rumanian Communist party, in Israel to attend the Mappan convention, yesterday visited the Knesset. Knesset Speaker Menahem Begin welcomed them while they were sitting in the visitors' gallery, and they later met with Mappan Knesset members.

**Jacob Aano, Chairman of the Committee on Culture and Education of the Council of Europe, was a luncheon guest of Knesset Speaker Menahem Begin, at the Knesset. Also present were MKs Sarah Doron, Ronnie Milo, Shlomo Hilfel, Uri Sebag.**

**The Mary and Charles D. Satinover Chair in Property Law was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in a ceremony on Mount Scopus, chaired by university president Don Patinkin. Representing the Satinovers was Louis Fiedler of Chicago. Prof. Joshua Weisman, dean of the Faculty of Law, gave the inaugural lecture.**

**The Technion yesterday dedicated its Meyer Davis Agricultural Engineering Centre in the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering.**

**The Technion's annual Harvey Prize was awarded yesterday to Prof. Robert Aumann, a Hebrew University mathematician, and to Prof. Philip Leder, head of Harvard Medical School's genetics department. The campus ceremony was attended by Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman.**

**Former president Yitzhak Navon has accepted the appointment of head of the Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, which was offered him by Education and Culture Minister Ze'evul Hammer.**

## S. African receives Israel Goldstein prize

**Fritz David Frank of Johannesburg, last night was awarded the Dr. Israel Goldstein Prize of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod, in a ceremony hosted by President Chaim Herzog at Beit Hanassi.**

**The award ceremony was chaired by Keren Hayesod world chairman Abraham Avi-hai. Participants included Dr. Israel Goldstein, former Keren Hayesod chairman, and Mendel Kaplan, president of the Israel United Appeal of South Africa and chairman of Keren Hayesod's world board of trustees. The prize was presented by Phil Granovsky of Canada, the board's founding chairman.**

**In his remarks, Herzog described Frank as a man "superbly dedicated to the job of strengthening the Jewish state."**

**The Goldstein prize is given annually to a Diaspora leader in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Appeal's activities.**

## 13 killed in Tripoli

**TRIPOLI (Reuters). — Thirteen people died after savage factional fighting broke out in the slums of Tripoli yesterday, and anti-Syrian Muslim fundamentalists killed a rival Lebanese group's leader.**

**Security sources said some 300 men of the Al-Tawhid Al-Islami militia attacked the Abu Bilal Mosque group, killing Abu Bilal. Seven others died in that clash, 20 were wounded and some Bilal followers were captured.**

**The corpses of five people were later found riddled with bullets in an orchard, among them two of Bilal's brothers.**

**Factional fighting, occurring mainly among rundown tenements above the city centre, has taken more than 50 lives in recent days.**

## HOME NEWS

### Coalition backs latest pay proposals for MDs

Post Economic Reporter

The employers' new proposal to end the doctors' strike yesterday received the endorsement of the coalition executive. The executive called the proposal "fair," and urged the doctors to go back to work.

The executive met yesterday with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak to hear details about the new proposal and about possible ways to solve the conflict.

The executive session followed a series of meetings within the cabinet and the coalition about the doctors' crisis.

In the Knesset early in the afternoon, Aridor met Prime Minister Menachem Begin for the second time this week. Although no details of the meeting were made public, Knesset observers speculated that Begin and Aridor tried to hammer out a new formula to keep the negotiations from breaking down.

The executive meeting followed one by the coalition forces at the Knesset, during which voices calling for agreed arbitration were heard.

The foremost supporter of this solution was MK Menachem Porush

(Agudat Yisrael), chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee. His committee had previously decided unanimously to call upon the parties to accept such a move.

Porush was supported by MK Abraham Melamed (National Religious Party), who said that prestige considerations should be left aside and that arbitration should be adopted.

Aridor has made it clear on several occasions that he would regard the adoption of such a solution as a sign of no-confidence, and that it would lead to his resignation.

Although Begin was not present at the meeting, he sent a message stating that only the cabinet can decide whether to approve arbitration.

After much loud debate, the faction decided to accept Begin's proposal that Aridor and Shostak meet the executive. The finance minister for his part showed clear signs of irritation on his arrival for the executive meeting, because it constituted what he considered intervention in his handling of the doctors' conflict.

### Galilee towns may shut down

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Acree Mayor Eli De Castro yesterday called a meeting of all western Galilee municipalities and regional councils to call for a strike in response to the closing of Nahariya hospital. De Castro said it is impossible to stand idly by while the population is left without medical services.

In the Jezreel Valley and Beit Shean areas, local council heads met in emergency session at the Afula hospital to express their concern over the situation. They decided to send telegrams to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel and Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Ram Ishai, calling on them to bring the doctors' hunger strike to an end.

In Jerusalem, several dozen medical students are holding a vigil outside the prime minister's residence, in support of the doctors' demands.

In Haifa's Rambam hospital, where only wounded soldiers are being admitted, one patient sent home yesterday was 20-year-old Yossi Klein, who is suffering from a chronic intestinal complaint. He was told by doctors that there were not enough physicians to staff the ward, and they did not have time to evaluate his condition.

Dr. Eli Liberty, a junior orthopedic surgeon who has been on hunger strike since Sunday said that he felt very weak and dizzy. "I can no longer be responsible for carrying out complicated surgery. I cannot take that risk of putting patients' lives in danger," he said.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

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Shostak, the health minister attended the meeting for less than 10 minutes. He arrived from a stormy session of the coalition leadership at the Knesset, looking harassed and angry, and returned to the Knesset within minutes.

Modan, entered in Shostak's stead, taking time out from the negotiations with the doctors that were being held in an adjacent room.

More than 2,500 doctors have joined the hunger strike, according to figures gathered. Several hospitals, including Rambam (Haifa), Safad, Hadassah Mt. Scopus (Jerusalem) and Soroka (BeerSheva), have already announced that they are to all intents and purposes closed, except for life and death cases. Several more hospitals are due to make similar announcements today.

"At the beginning of the hunger strike, we could transfer patients to other hospitals that were still functioning. Now the list of possibilities has shrunk to almost none," one worried hospital director said.

The neo-natal intensive care units at Nahariya and Hadassah Mt. Scopus face severe problems, and several of the 14 premature babies at Nahariya are scheduled to be transferred to hospitals in Nazareth today.

The effects of the fast are beginning to tell, as doctors throughout the country collapsed yesterday and required intravenous infusions.

Following is a summary of the situation in the hospitals:

### JERUSALEM:

**Hadassah Ein Karem**  
• Emergency room (ER) — accepting only most urgent cases. Pediatric and gynecological — all fasting. By tomorrow, have to close some wards. Releasing patients.

**Hadassah Mt. Scopus**  
• Not accepting new patients; patients being released. Hospital is closed; essential wards can't function (surgery, orthopedic closed). Problem at neo-natal intensive care — full to 100% capacity (13). Can't admit any more. Delivery room — closed. Atmosphere tense and difficult.

**Bikur Holim**  
• All wards open — ER accepting selectively, but number of patients has dropped drastically.

**Shaare Zedek**  
• All wards open, but full to over 100% capacity. Receiving patients from other hospitals; no plans to close any wards for time being.

**TEL AVIV:**  
**Ichilov**  
• Endocrinology and dermatology wards closed. Decisions on further closures to be made today.

**Rokach**  
• No departments closed yet; decision to be made today.

**Rokach Maternity**  
• No departments closed yet.

**TEL HASHOMER:**  
**Sheba**  
• Anesthesiology and surgery depts. closed; neurology will close today. All other depts. working on limited basis.

**TZ RIFIN:**  
**Assaf Harofeh**  
• Depts. closed; orthopedics; one surgery ward; one internal med. ward; ear, nose and throat; car-

diology. Scheduled to close today: another internal medicine ward, pediatrics. All other wards on limited manpower.

**HOLON:**  
**Wolfson**  
• One internal medicine and one surgery ward closed. Considering closing three more wards today.

**PETAH TIKVA:**  
**Beilinson**  
• No departments closed yesterday, but the following will close today: surgery, neurosurgery, kidney transplant, urology, ophthalmology and two internal medicine wards.

**HASHARON**  
• No wards closed yet, but several, whose entire staff are fasting, could close any minute. Includes: anesthesiology, surgery, pediatrics, internal medicine.

**Kfar Sava:**  
**Meir**  
• Only one doctor in ER, who is also dealing with internal, orthopedic and surgical problems.

**REHOVOT:**  
**Kaplan**  
• Seven departments closed, including ear, nose and throat, two surgical wards, eye ward, children's ward, urology and gynecological. ER in women's ward.

**HADERA:**  
**Hillel Yaffe**  
• Only urgent cases being admitted. Seven depts. closed: ophthalmology, neurology, urology, orthopedics, hematology, surgery and internal medicine. Gynecology ward to close today. Maternity ward to remain in operation.

**HAIFA:**  
**Rambam**  
• Closed to civilian patients from 10 a.m. yesterday. Only soldiers and life-and-death cases being treated. All scheduled operations cancelled.

**Rothschild**  
• No wards closed yet, but it "is just a matter of time!" Public urged not to come to ER.

**Carmel**  
• Hospital due to shut down today to new admissions. Wards closed: two surgery wards, neurology, ear, nose and throat, and pediatrics.

**SAFED:**  
**Rebecca Steif**  
• Not admitting civilians. Only 30 patients out of 300 remain in hospital.

**AFULA:**  
**Valley medical centre**  
• Admitting only wounded soldiers. Two general surgery wards, X-ray and anesthesiology closed yesterday. Neonatology ward open, but premature babies due to be transferred to Nazareth today.

**NAHARIYA:**  
**Government Hospital**  
• Hospital will close tomorrow. Only emergency cases being admitted. Urology, hematology, one surgery and one internal medicine ward closed yesterday.

**EILAT:**  
**Josephthal**  
• Not accepting new patients.

**BEERSHEBA:**  
**Soroka**  
• Nine wards closed — 350 patients remain. Delivery ward closed.

**ASHKELON:**  
**Bardai**  
• ER — not functioning. Eight wards closed. One out of 15 pediatricians working.

## LAST-MINUTE

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cepted on Monday by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, is based on linking the doctor's wage scale to that of lawyers in the public sector. But the doctors charged on Tuesday night that the Treasury was trying to achieve a rise in their basic salaries by incorporating payments that are considered additional in the current wage structure.

"For the past three hours we have been trying to prevent the loss of the additional payments and their transfer to our basic salaries," one of the IMA negotiators, Dr. Ze'ev Rothstein, said yesterday evening.

Based on its calculations, the Treasury said that the doctors' demands are 15 to 20 per cent higher than the sum offered to them on Tuesday at Kfar Hamaccabiah. The Treasury offer amounted to an average of 30 per cent, with larger rises proposed for young, low-salaried doctors and a much lower rise for senior doctors.

Treasury officials said that the employers' proposal comprises six points, three dealing with wage scales and three with working hours, overtime pay, and the time period over which any new gains would be spread.

The talks now centre on the first three points, only one of which, linking the doctors' pay to that of lawyers, has been accepted in principle by the IMA.

The officials said that the doctors' reaction to the new proposal is a cause for "serious concern" in the Treasury. "Even without addressing the issues of overtime pay and reduced work week, the doctors' demands are already way over the limits we have set," they said.

The Treasury yesterday refused to release any exact figures on the cost of the doctors' counter-proposals, fearing that this would only add "fuel to the fire" in other sectors that are known to be anxiously awaiting the outcome of the doctors' strike before pressing their own wage demands.

The doctors were being "hypocritical" when they charged the Treasury with trying to trick them by presenting an old wage proposal in a new wrapping, the Treasury said. "All we did was translate into figures the proposal worked out by the Health Ministry and accepted by the finance minister," one official said.

In his television interview Shostak said: "I can't understand why the Histadrut and Kupat Holim don't take part in the negotiations. Their behaviour has been bizarre. I asked Kupat Holim chairwoman Prof. Haim Doron to join the negotiations early on, but he refused. They will pay for this in the end."

"We'll all feel the ill effects of this strike for a long time — although so far no one has died as a direct result of the strike," he said.

## Strike over appointment ends at Geha hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The nurses' strike at the Geha Psychiatric Hospital ended yesterday after the nurses received an order from the Histadrut's Kupat Holim employees association to return to work.

The nursing staff began sanctions on Sunday in protest against the appointment of Ahmed Abu Sheikh as the hospital's new director of nursing services. They claimed there were irregularities in the procedure by which the position was filled.

It has now been decided that the matter will be appealed to the Histadrut auditing committee. Haim Baranes, head of the Kupat Holim employees association, said that anyone who gets the job by the proper procedures will have the full backing of his association.

## Syria denies involvement in PLO in-fighting

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Both Syria and the PLO rebels appeared to step back from the brink yesterday when they categorically denied any Syrian involvement in the Fatah group dispute and reiterated their commitment to a unified Palestinian movement under the continued leadership of Yasser Arafat.

Arafat on Tuesday accused Syria of aiding rebel forces, which claimed to have overrun eight important Fatah bases in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, seizing effective control of the main Beirut-Damascus highway.

Syria's official *Al-Baath* newspaper yesterday denied the charge, however, noting that "the vain attempts to involve Syria's name in the inter-Palestinian conflicts cannot convince anyone — first because Syria realizes that such an

involvement does not serve the Palestinian revolution, and second, because had Syria wanted to interfere, these conflicts would have taken different forms and dimensions."

The paper went on to note that Syria favours a solution through "democratic dialogue" between Arafat loyalists and dissidents in Fatah.

The conciliatory tone was echoed yesterday by the leader of the dissident officers, Col. Sa'id Musa (Abu Musa).

"There is no need for more fighting," Musa was quoted as saying.

Musa made it plain, however, that he and his fellow dissidents have no intention of standing down on their central demands for a collective leadership committed to armed struggle in place of Arafat's authoritarian, diplomacy-oriented rule. But he made it equally plain that the dissidents are not trying to

oust Arafat as head of Fatah and the PLO.

Arafat, meanwhile, continued to consolidate himself in what is emerging as his new base in Lebanon, the northern port of Tripoli.

Beirut radio stations said that Arafat is bringing in many of the 5,000 men evacuated to various Arab countries in an apparent bid to build up his position in Tripoli should he remain determined to confront the rebel officers head on.

He was quoted yesterday as saying that he was confident he would ride out the challenge posed by the dissidents, but noted that he was aware "it is not going to be a picnic."

Syria's denial that it is supporting the rebels will undoubtedly have heartened Arafat, as there is little chance that the dissident officers will be able to seriously challenge Arafat's position without the explicit backing of Damascus.

## West Bank concerned by PLO rebellion

### Hussein may be winner in Fatah fight

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

East Jerusalem's Arabic newspapers have over the past few days reflected increasing concern about the rift in PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization.

And as evidence of Syrian and Libyan involvement in the fighting mounts, and with it the threat that much of the PLO could come under tighter Syrian control, people in the West Bank are beginning to speculate that in the end, Jordan's King Hussein could come out the real winner.

"If the PLO splits with much of Fatah under Syrian control and Arafat stuck in Tripoli, if he is lucky, there would be nowhere else to go but to Hussein," said one newspaper editor last night.

The despair over the fighting in the Bekaa even had one usually radical Palestinian privately expressing the hope that Arafat would

decide to recognize Israel and deal with the U.S.

Earlier this week, another newspaper editor remarked bitterly that "more Palestinians have died at the hands of the Arabs than have been killed by Israel." The idea of Syrian domination of the Palestinian cause has caused deep resentment among West Bankers, he said. While there was some sympathy for the anti-Arafat rebels in the early stages of the struggle, Syrian involvement and the use of force have brought most people solidly behind Arafat and the idea of Palestinian unity he still seems to symbolize.

If Syria continues to back the rebels and actively engages the Fatah forces loyal to Arafat, this will, in effect, help Israel and push the Palestinians back towards Hussein, according to the common wisdom in East Jerusalem this week. The rebels, if they break away, will

be regarded as a fringe group like that of the Syrian/Iraqi surrogate Abu Nidal.

Yesterday's editorial in the generally pro-Jordanian daily *Al-Kuds* called for Palestinian unity and an end to the blood-letting. "Today, a year (after the siege of Beirut), after the legendary stand of Palestinian fighters, we hear news of a different siege, where brother confronts brother, and brother sheds brother's blood," the paper said.

*Al-Sha'ab*, an ardently pro-PLO paper, talked of the "stifling protective cocoon of the Arab patrons." *Al-Fajr*, another pro-PLO daily, called for an "open dialogue to resolve the internal differences."

"This is the only way Palestinians can get their views across, for there are many people who fish in troubled waters, and they must not be allowed to wreck our unity," said *Al-Fajr*.

## Hebron mayor complains about fence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe, has complained to Defence Minister Moshe Arens that a barbed wire fence put up by the army has split the town in two.

The fence was erected 10 days ago after a home-made hand grenade was thrown towards Beit Romano, in the original Jewish quarter of the town. No one was injured by the grenade, but the army erected the fence, closing off the bus station, which is next to Beit Romano, according to Natshe.

Five of the founders and leaders of the renewed Jewish settlement in Hebron have been on strike in the local military government compound to demand Natshe's dismissal.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger and advocate Elyakim Ha'etzi, among others, have been striking inside a military base for the past five days. They claim that Natshe is the "local PLO agent," and therefore responsible for the anti-Jewish violence in the town. They claim that the hand grenade incident was the latest example of such violence.

## Sharon sues 'Time' for \$50 million

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Former defence minister Ariel Sharon yesterday took his legal battle against *Time* magazine to the U.S. District Court in New York, filing a \$50 million libel suit.

Sharon, who earlier had pressed his case in Israeli courts, charged that the magazine last February published a "false and defamatory" report claiming that a secret annex to the Kahane Commission report on the Sabra and Shatila massacre had said that Sharon urged the Phalangists to take revenge for Bashir Jemayel's assassination.

In its February 21 edition, *Time* said the secret section of the Kahane report contained "further details about Sharon's visit to the Jemayel family on the day after Bashir Jemayel's assassination. Sharon reportedly told the Jemayels that

the Israeli Army would be moving into West Beirut and that he expected the Christian forces to go into the Palestinian refugee camps. Sharon also reportedly discussed with the Jemayels the need for the Phalangists to take revenge for the assassination of Bashir, but the details of the conversation are not known."

In his suit, Sharon denied that the secret section of the Kahane report contained any such allegations. He also denied that he ever made any such statements to the Jemayel family.

In the academic field, the board asked for an expansion of the teaching of social sciences to Technion students, to make them more aware of the economic and social impact of technological advances.

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## Begin clashes with Agency donors

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unprecedented rift between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Diaspora funders developed yesterday, as Diaspora members of the Jewish Agency board of governors rejected two Herut representatives for the post of immigration department chairman.

Sources close to Begin said that the board members had apparently been motivated by antipathy to Herut and not by objective reasons when they refused to allow either Raphael Kotlowitz or Eli Tavin to head the department. Earlier this week, the Diaspora members of the board vetoed the continuing service of Kotlowitz, a close party colleague of Begin. Kotlowitz, who has been chairman of the immigration department for 5½ years, was rejected on the grounds that he was "unable to communicate" with Diaspora communities.

When Herut proposed Tavin, now head of the department for education in the Diaspora, for the

immigration post, board members vetoed him as well. The revolt was led by Jerrold Hoffberger, the chairman-elect of the board who is due to take office on Friday. Max Fisher, the outgoing chairman, did not oppose Tavin for the aliyah job.

Sources close to Begin said that Hoffberger's decision to exercise the Diaspora board members' right of veto was a sign of future trouble between the premier and Hoffberger, a Baltimore millionaire who has for several years headed the agency's Project Renewal committee.

Meanwhile, Jewish Agency executive chairman Arye Dulzin again failed to announce the distribution of a number of chairmanships that have been left empty for six months, since the Zionist Congress. He had announced that the task of filling them would be completed by yesterday afternoon, and that the executive would meet at 5 p.m.

The Labour Zionist movement reacted to the veto by Diaspora board members with a demand that

the "game start all over again," and that the portfolios that it had agreed to fill with Labour Party men be "opened up," along with all the other portfolios.

A meeting of all the Zionist parties in Dulzin's coalition will be held at 2 p.m. today to find a way out of the impasse.

Dulzin last night hosted a dinner in honour of Max Fisher in the hall of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue to mark Fisher's contributions to the agency during 13 years as board chairman.

The sources denied a radio report that Begin had decided to "boycott" the closing meeting of the Agency assembly this evening at the Knesset. "He is dissatisfied with the decision of the Diaspora representatives," said the source, "but there is no truth that the premier will stay away to express his displeasure."

Begin "may or may not" speak at the closing session, said the sources, depending on whether he has other pressing matters at hand tonight.

## Police move protesters' furniture from Premier's sidewalk

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem police took steps yesterday to lessen the sometimes circus-like atmosphere on the "demonstration sidewalk" outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Rehavia house.

With five separate groups of demonstrators on the sidewalk — each group has tables, chairs, mattresses, and blankets along with placards — the police decided to "return the sidewalk to its owners, the pedestrians."

The most well-equipped group, was from the Herut Party. It had a dozen chairs, two tables, four mattresses, a cot and several cartons of food, all brought from Herut headquarters and put on the sidewalk.

The anti-war group, which has been on the sidewalk around the clock for 50 days, had two chairs and a small table used as a resting place

for signing petitions.

Two hunger-striking medical students had mattresses and some blankets, while a woman who is protesting the use of the words fascism and nazism in inter-Jewish debate came with her own chair.

The police yesterday morning gave the demonstrating groups an hour to clear the sidewalk of their chattels. Rav-Paked Eitan Katz, in charge of the patrol division, brought a dozen officers to remove the various political placards from the police barricades set up around the groups.

At the appointed hour, the only group that had still not moved anything from the sidewalk was the Herut Party, and when the police started writing down the particulars of the five demonstrators they quickly cleared the sidewalk — putting all their equipment into the

rose garden of the Guatemalan Embassy, which has been vacant since the Jerusalem Law was passed in 1980.

The police said they would need a complaint from the Guatemalans, who have moved to Tel Aviv, before they could act against the Herut Party demonstrators, who would then be charged with trespassing.

Two of the rival groups demonstrating outside the Prime Minister's residence, joined by the Civil Rights Association, went to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday, and obtained a show-cause order against the police.

The groups complained that the police have been taking down demonstrators' names and addresses, in what they argue is an unnecessary infringement on the freedom of expression. Justice Miriam Ben-Porat gave the police 15 days to explain why it should not desist.



Police remove protesters' placards from barricades outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's home yesterday.

## Former LA Times man here dies in Central America clash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Los Angeles Times correspondent Dial Torgerson, who for four years, until January 1981, was his newspaper's Israel correspondent, was killed on Tuesday in a guerrilla ambush along the Honduras-Nicaragua border. A second journalist, Richard Cross of U.S. News and World Report, was killed in the same attack.

They were the first correspondents to die on either side of the border since fighting erupted between right-wing infiltrators and the Nicaraguan army last February.

The 55-year-old Torgerson, who was acting as his paper's bureau chief in Latin America when he was killed, was a popular figure in the foreign press and diplomatic community in Jerusalem.

Foreign Press Association vice-president Robert Slater said yesterday that "those of us who knew him and worked with him are terribly saddened. He was a very good



Dial Torgerson

friend. We respected him as a friend and as a professional."

The FPA is planning a memorial meeting in Jerusalem next week.

Torgerson leaves two children, a son, 19, and a daughter, 16. His widow is the Latin America correspondent for The Wall Street Journal.

## IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

### House erupts over doctors' strike

A discussion of the doctors' strike provided the background yesterday for one of the rowdiest Knesset sessions in the last few years, and the speaker had to declare a recess to calm the atmosphere.

The rumpus erupted during the reply of Health Minister Eliezer Shostak to a Communist no-confidence motion presented by Meir Wilner, and based on "the medical services and the doctors' demands."

At the close of the debate, the motion was defeated by a vote of 61-50, along coalition-opposition lines.

Wilner said that the government alone must bear responsibility for the suffering of patients and doctors alike. He charged the government with indifference and inflexibility, and said these were motivated by the wish to break the traditions and the public health service.

Shostak was not concerned with Wilner's remarks; he was incensed over the Alignment's reversal of its previously announced intention of abstaining on the no-confidence motion.

He said that if the Histadrut had hearkened to his plea a few weeks ago — to recognize the doctors' claims as an exception to the 22 percent framework agreement — that could have helped greatly. Instead, the Histadrut had chosen to sit on the fence, and look on as others struggled with the problem.

Even at this point, there were murmurs from the Alignment that Shostak should not try to blame the Histadrut for the government's failure.

Shostak went on to charge the Alignment with hypocrisy on the doctors' strike and with hypocrisy for its intention to support the no-confidence motion. "Your hands have shed this blood, and now you will raise your hands for no-confidence!"

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres jumped up. "What kind of talk is that!" he protested. "Withdraw that remark! The dispute has lasted 3½ months. You are minister of health. You don't talk to the minister of finance. And now you say such a thing to us!"

When Shostak said he had

nothing to retract, Peres retorted: "You should have resigned long ago. Repeat what you've said at cabinet meetings. Repeat that Aidor is guilty."

Yossi Sarid (Alignment) got into the act. "If he (Shostak) doesn't retract, I say that he's a bag of nothing. A bag of nothing."

Speaker Menachem Savidor called on Sarid to withdraw that remark.

Peres: "No, first the minister of health must retract."

Sarid: "I won't retract, and I say again that he is a ministerial cipher."

Shostak: "And you are a loathsome abomination. Loathed by everyone who lives in Israel. A loathsome abomination."

Sarid: "And you are execrably revolting."

Savidor: "If that is the tenor of the debate, I shall have to recess the session."

Alignment faction chairman Moshe Shalun rose to explain the faction's reversal. True, on Monday the faction decided to give the prime minister a chance to get Shostak and Aidor to compromise, he said, and to wait until the negotiations ended.

Shostak: "Nu? So why don't you wait?"

Shalun continued: "But this morning, after we learned that the doctors said that both they and the prime minister had been fooled, we decided to submit a no-confidence motion of our own. But the speaker rejected that (because of the sale that 48 hours later)."

Ronnie Milo, deputy chairman of the coalition executive, "Shalun told me categorically that the Alignment would abstain. He has knowingly lied to the Knesset."

At this point, Savidor announced a 10-minute recess. It was then 11:41 a.m., but only at 12:24 was the House reconvened. The delay was caused by the attempt of coalition and Alignment leaders to reach an agreement, but the coalition would not accept the Alignment's price for abstaining: that it consent to agreed arbitration of the doctors' demands.

Savidor called on Shostak, Sarid, and Milo to withdraw their epithets, and they did so. The speaker said that the unparliamentary language

used had evoked his anxiety and concern as to the future of the Knesset.

Shostak then concluded his speech practically without interruption. He said that radio reports yesterday morning about the doctors having been fooled did not reflect what took place in the negotiating room between 4 p.m. on Tuesday and 2 a.m. yesterday.

The talks took a new turn, and they should be given a chance, Shostak said. The negotiations were defused, and "there is no longer indifference."

Shostak called on the doctors to end their hunger strike — it would be futile to ask them to end the strike itself — since the whole purpose of the hunger strike was to get the talks going again.

There is already agreement on the doctors' "basic demand," Shostak said, that their status be laid down. That status would be set forth in a wage scale, in accordance with a professional grading in keeping with the doctor's position. The argument is over the details, he said.

Aharon Harel (Alignment) said that since all else has failed, resort should be had to agreed arbitration. If Shostak announced the government's agreement to that, then the Alignment would not support the no-confidence motion. But if he did not, perhaps that would mean that the government is not really interested in settling the strike, after all, he said.

Pinhas Goldstein (Likud-Liberals) said that the doctors long since "crossed the red line." The measures taken by the doctors did not meet the criteria of Jewish or universal ethics. There is a limit even to a justified strike, and that limit was crossed with the publication of findings that during the first three months of the strike, deaths rose by 12 percent, and in internal medicine and geriatric wards by 19.3 percent, he said.

Menachem Porush, chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, speaking in his own name, called on the doctors to return to the negotiating table "without a strike," and on the government to consent to agreed arbitration on the points in dispute.

## Satmar rebbe gives out \$3m. to institutions, needy

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Satmar Rebbe reportedly distributed a total of about \$3 million to schools, institutions and individuals who called on him to request financial assistance.

Emissaries from the rebbe circulated last night in the Harodim quarters of Jerusalem and Bnei Brak with scores of cheques destined for persons who had requested financial help.

The distribution of aid came on the eve of the conclusion of the rebbe's two-week visit to Israel. He is to depart today for Vienna, where he will spend the sabbath with Satmar hassidim resident there.

One of the rebbe's emissaries said last night that he is personally dis-

tributing 50 cheques, each for \$500. The cheques were all signed in Hebrew and English by the rebbe. Eda Haredit circles estimated that a total of \$500,000 is being distributed to private individuals who had requested assistance for weddings, operations or other purposes.

"The cheques are distributed with dignity," said the emissary. "They are in addressed envelopes, and we must go to each house personally to deliver."

The rebbe himself last night distributed cheques, reportedly totaling \$2,500,000 to schools and other institutions affiliated with the anti-Zionist Eda Haredit.

A large crowd is expected to see the rebbe off from Jerusalem late this morning.

## Police raid gambling club in north Tel Aviv, arrest 18

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — "Watch out! Police!" shouted the lookout of the illegal card-playing club on Rehov Yona Hanavi in north Tel Aviv on Tuesday evening. The 21 men inside scrambled to their feet, stuffing cards and banknotes into their pockets in an attempt to hide them.

But most of them were too late. Eighteen were arrested, and a total of IS160,000, \$8,320, DM400 and 180 Jordanian dinars was confiscated by police.

Two surveillance teams of the central police unit's vice squad were watching the well-known club in an attic on the peaceful residential street at about 8 p.m. Several recent attempts to raid the club, which is protected by a steel door with a peephole, failed because the guard always managed to warn the players in time.

Plainclothes policemen could not enter the club in the guise of players, because the guard knew every member personally and refused to allow in any strangers.

On Tuesday, with one detective hiding behind the massive door to the attic, a surveillance team waited in the building while another team watched the game in progress from the window of a nearby building. At

one point, the detective posted outside the door received a sign that one of the players was about to leave the room.

As soon as the door swung open, the detective burst inside, just as the guard screamed "police". Three players managed to escape, while 18 were caught. The club owner, aged 33, who is familiar to the police, turned himself in immediately.

His assistant, who was also arrested, formerly ran a similar club in the Hatikva quarter.

Police said yesterday that the Yona Hanavi club has been operating for years, and despite a number of successful raids in past years, resulting in the seizure of large amounts of money, it always reopened and resumed operations as usual.

**LIBRARY.** — A new library to serve the Ein Hat'chelet suburb of Netanya was dedicated at the WIZO family centre, in the presence of Mayor Reuven Kleiger, Micky Ramon (deputy chairman of World WIZO's youth clubs department), and representatives of the West Glasgow WIZO chapter which sponsored the project.

## Mapam convention fateful for Alignment

By SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV. — The fate of the Alignment will be decided in the next three days as the Mapam convention opens tonight. The delegates will have to choose between proposals to stay in the Alignment with Labour or to replace it with a far looser "alliance."

On the eve of the convention, the balance of power between the two camps is said to be nearly even, and party insiders are wary of predicting which way the vote will go. Unless a compromise is worked out, the decision could be determined by an extremely narrow majority.

The convention officially opens

tonight, but the actual deliberations will be held tomorrow and on Saturday. The convention will meet at the Tel Aviv cinema here.

Most of the party leaders, including all four secretaries (Victor Shemtov, Chaike Grossman, Gad Yatav and Binyamin Yas'ur) support terminating the Alignment with Labour as it now stands. This is also the position of five of the seven party MKs.

The leaders propose that the Alignment be replaced by an alliance, which would mean separate Knesset factions for the two parties. The parties would deliberate on issues separately, reach their own decisions, and cast their Knesset

votes as they see fit. As things are now, the anti-Alignment groups in Mapam argue, their party is constantly a small minority in the large Alignment and is always outvoted on issues of contention. It can express its own positions in the Knesset only when it violates Alignment faction discipline, something Mapam has been doing increasingly in the past year.

But the two parties, according to the plan, would have the option of contesting the next Knesset elections separately or in a single socialist front, which would be set up only for the duration of the campaign.

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## Two Lebanese hijack Libyan jetliner

ROME (AP). — Airport Authorities refueled a hijacked Boeing 707 last night after two Lebanese air pirates calling themselves "Black Berets" threatened to blow up the Libyan-chartered aircraft, officials said.

The plane remained on an isolated part of the runway at Ciampino military airport after refueling was completed. It was not known when it would leave.

Airport sources said the hijackers, armed with a pistol and a suitcase they said was filled with explosives, demanded that the plane be flown "toward Beirut" — or else they would blow it up.

## Walesa flies to see pope; mass march in Krakow

KRAKOW (AP). — Tens of thousands of chanting Solidarity supporters went on a noisy march through downtown Krakow yesterday after Pope John Paul II said mass for two million people, the largest crowd of his Polish visit.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, accompanied by his wife and four of their children, left their home in the Baltic Sea port of Gdansk to fly here to meet with the Pope.

The meeting was to take place at 9 o'clock last night at the Krakow archbishop's residence, a well-informed source, who asked not to be identified, said.

The Solidarity protest began at the conclusion of the papal mass at Krakow's Blonie parade ground.

In Beirut, Lebanon's Public Works Minister Pierre Khoury told a state radio interviewer that, "all necessary security measures have been taken to prevent hijackers from landing at Beirut Airport."

The Rome airport sources said the hijackers are believed to be Lebanese Shi'ite Moslems. Lebanese Ambassador Khalil Haddad, called to Ciampino at the Arabic-speaking hijackers' request, was acting as their interpreter, police said. The hijackers also demanded to talk to the ambassadors of Rumania and Libya.

Between August 1978 and

December 1981, six planes were hijacked by the followers of Imam Musa Sadr, the missing religious leader of Lebanon's 900,000 Shi'ite Moslems and the founder of their Amal (Hope) militia.

The Imam disappeared on August 31, 1978, while on an official visit to Libya with two companions. Many Lebanese Shi'ites hold Libya responsible.

Hours after the plane landed, there was still no official announcement on the number of hostages aboard the plane, which was hijacked and diverted during a flight from Athens to the Libyan capital of Tripoli, yesterday afternoon.

Athens and Rome airport officials said there were 23 passengers and an 11-member crew, but the Italian news agency AGI quoted unnamed airport officials as putting the total number of passengers as high as 134.

The plane, owned by the Rumanian flag carrier, Tarom, and chartered by Libyan Airlines, touched down at 3:40 p.m. local time at Ciampino airport, which was closed to traffic and immediately surrounded by heavily armed police.

The pilot told the control tower by radio that one hijacker had locked himself in the bathroom with the explosives, while the second was in the cockpit. Reporters saw the hijacker pointing a pistol at the pilot's head.

OIL. — Iraq is seeking an agreement with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to facilitate crude oil exports

## Chile holds unionists, lets exiles return

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Chile's military government has arrested more union leaders in a crackdown on opponents planning a general strike starting today.

But the government said a number of prominent figures could return home after years in exile, a move seen by diplomats as aimed at gaining favour with politicians who have yet to state their position on the strike.

Union sources reported eight more arrests yesterday, while the Interior Ministry said it was prosecuting five other moderate labour leaders who called the action.

The announcement of the strike by truck owners' leader Adolfo Quinteros, was followed by his arrest a few hours later.

Copper workers' leader Rodolfo Seguel was detained last week after organizing a national day of protest, and his successor, Hugo Estivalde, was arrested on Monday.

President Augusto Pinochet said after last week's day of protest that he would crack down on opponents while relaxing his policy on exiles.

## British army base hit by IRA mortar fire

BELFAST (Reuters). — Nationalist guerrillas bombed a British army base with mortars in Northern Ireland yesterday after seizing a nearby housing complex, police said.

At least 12 gunmen carried out the attack in Crossmaglen, a village near the British-Irish province's border with the Irish Republic.

They stopped traffic entering the village and ran from door to door in the housing complex, warning residents to flee. Then about 10 mortar bombs were fired at the army base by remote control from a stolen truck parked in the complex. One British soldier was slightly injured by shrapnel.

The Irish Republican Army, fighting to end British rule in the province, took responsibility for the attack.

TRADE. — A drop in oil exports more than halved Saudi Arabia's trade surplus in 1982, according to Finance Ministry figures released in Jeddah.

## Shuttle launches, retrieves satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). — American astronauts placed a satellite into free-floating orbit yesterday, circled it at 27,350 kilometres per hour and then recaptured it in a rendezvous that demonstrated the shuttle's ability to reach and retrieve crippled spacecraft.

The satellite provided the first photograph of a shuttle in orbit, showing the craft against a brilliant backdrop of a blue, sunlit earth.

In the day-long chase-and-capture, astronauts John Fabian and Sally Ride were using Challenger's 15 metre-long arm to lift the shuttle pallet satellite, SPAS into space, reclaim it, and restore it to Friday's return.

Weather remained a question mark for the ship's first Florida landing, scheduled for 10:53 GMT,

as Challenger passed overhead, a controller told the crew: "You'll note the weather is still very unfavourable."

In the event of bad weather, the shuttle could orbit at least until Sunday, or it could be directed to Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Fabian, working from controls on the shuttle flight deck, flexed the hand of Challenger's robot arm, picking up the West German scientific satellite and releasing it.

The rendezvous test is a major milestone for the shuttle. The ability to pluck an object from orbit will be crucial when shuttles are sent aloft for satellite servicing and repair missions.

The first such mission is set for

the shuttle's 13th trip in April 1984, when a team of astronauts will try to repair the Solar Maximum satellite.

It failed when three fuses blew soon after launch in 1980. The plan is to bring the satellite into the cargo bay, replace the control system and return the satellite to space.

SPAS carries six scientific experiments for the West German government, two for the European Space Agency and three NASA cameras. The satellite's German manufacturer bartered with the American Space Agency and got a bargain, by allowing NASA to use the satellite for deployment and retrieval practice, the U.S. is picking up \$9 million of the \$13m. development, production and launch costs. The SPAS is designed to be used on five flights.

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## Thatcher to support NATO, curb unions

LONDON (AP). — Amid fanfare and centuries-old pageantry, Queen Elizabeth II opened a new session of Parliament yesterday and declared the British government's commitment to bolstering NATO and working for nuclear weapons reductions.

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government, re-elected to a second term in the June 9 general election with a 144-seat majority in the 650-seat house of commons.

Crowds lining the streets cheered as Elizabeth rode from Buckingham Palace to the houses of Parliament in a horse-drawn coach escorted by sabre-carrying household cavalry troops.

The legislative package contained no surprises, underscoring Thatcher's commitment to her tight money policy that has reduced inflation to an annual rate of 3.7 per cent — a 15-year low — from 21 per cent a year after she took office in May 1979.

## Greece demands Turks halt Aegean soundings

ATHENS (Reuters). — Greece has lodged a strong protest with Turkey over alleged violations of its continental shelf by a Turkish ship carrying out underwater sonic research, the official news agency ANA said yesterday.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Hungarian coal mine explosion kills 35 miners

BUDAPEST (AP). — A pre-dawn blast yesterday at a coal mine in northwestern Hungary killed at least 35 people and injured an unspecified number of others, according to the MTI news agency.

"Figures are preliminary," said the state-run MTI. Hungarian radio reports said 93 miners were underground at the colliery near the town of Oroslazny when the blast struck.

Although there were few other details, MTI appeared to indirectly substantiate unconfirmed reports that miners are trapped, saying rescue workers on the spot are "making maximum efforts."

### Iraqi jets hit 'naval target' oil refinery

NICOSIA (AP). — Formations of Iraqi Air Force jets attacked two Iranian "naval targets" in the northeastern corner of the Persian Gulf yesterday, setting them ablaze, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It did not mention the nature of the targets.

But IRNA, the official Iranian News Agency, said the air attack, which came at 9:00 a.m. local time, was directed at the offshore Nowruz oilfield, which is already damaged and spilling oil into the gulf, and the nearby oilfield of Abuzur.

### Pentagon admits U.S. navy short of weapons

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. Defence Department said yesterday that the navy has adequate supplies of weapons such as advanced air-to-air missiles for only five of its 13 aircraft carriers.

Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto said carriers and other ships had to stop in mid-ocean to take on missiles and ammunition from vessels heading home.

Of the 23 carriers, usually only eight or nine are deployed on active duty stations at any one time. The rest are being refitted for training.

### Greece ends voluntary army service for women

ATHENS (AP). — Greece's socialist government has decided to abolish voluntary military service for women because it is "unprofitable," according to a Defence Ministry statement published yesterday.

But Deputy Defence Minister Antony Drossosyannis said the government is studying a plan to replace voluntary military service, introduced in 1978, with a draft for women.

### West Germany to pay foreign workers to go home

BONN (Reuters). — West German Labour Minister Norbert Blum yesterday announced a DM960 million (\$17.5b.) package of incentives to encourage jobless foreign workers to return home.

Blum told a Bonn press conference that workers from seven, mainly southern European countries, who lost their jobs between October this year and July, 1984, would be entitled to DM10,500 (\$191,000) aid each if they went home.

A further DM1,500 (\$27,000) would be paid for each child.

### Norway throws out Soviet military attache

OSLO (AP). — Norway expelled a Soviet military attache yesterday, asserting that his activities were "incompatible with his diplomatic status," a phrase normally applied to spying.

The Foreign Ministry identified the Soviet as Lt. Col. V.F. Zagrebnev, the assistant military attache at the Soviet Embassy in Oslo.

No further details were immediately available.

On Tuesday, Japan announced the expulsion of a Soviet diplomat suspected of spying on a Japanese computer firm. It was the first time a Soviet diplomat was kicked out of Japan.

The expulsions from Japan and Norway followed the ouster of at least 75 Soviet diplomats, journalists and trade officials from 13 other countries for alleged espionage activities since January 1982.

### Sudanese students demonstrate in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — About 250 Sudanese students, among thousands stranded in Egypt after a fire destroyed a Nile River steamer, demonstrated peacefully yesterday in front of their embassy demanding transportation home.

The Sudanese Students' Union, representing 12,000 Sudanese students studying in Egypt, organized the demonstration and demanded that the ambassador personally

receive their written protest.

In previous years, the students returned home on the Nile steamer 10th of Ramadan, which commutes between the southern Egyptian city of Aswan and the northern Sudanese port of Wadi Halfa.

"The steamer was destroyed in a fire on May 24, killing at least 317 passengers. There is only one boat operating the route now, and it is heavily over-booked."

### Jail for arms swindle bid against Iran

LONDON (AP). — British police thwarted an arms fraud bid to swindle the Iranian government out of \$52 million, it was disclosed at London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court on Tuesday.

Judge Sir Leslie Boreham said that Scotland Yard anti-terrorist officers acted "in the nick of time" to stop the plot by Iranian businessman Benham Nodjumi and free two kidnapped Iranian diplomats and an Iranian banker, being held in London.

Nodjumi, 37, was sentenced by the judge on Monday to a total of 20 years in prison after being found guilty of conspiracy to defraud and of assaulting and unlawfully imprisoning the diplomats and the banker. He pleaded innocent on all charges.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Pole and other prosecution witnesses told the court that the plot stemmed from a secret attempt by the Iranians in 1981 to break an American arms embargo.

They said the Iranians sought to buy through Europe 8,000 modern anti-tank TOW guided missiles for use in the war against Iraq. The missiles were to be shipped to Iran under fake manifests as office equip-

ment.

Nodjumi, a former informer in Savak, the secret police force of the late shah, pretended he and associates could supply the missiles in a secret deal.

In fact, the prosecution alleged, Nodjumi planned to provide the Iranians with 34 crates of useless machinery and escape with the money.

Prosecutor Henry Pownall said Nodjumi and a gang of European criminals he recruited kidnapped two Iranian diplomats and an Iranian banker in London and three Iranian army colonels in Antwerp, who had been sent to authenticate the missile deal.

Under the deal, Nodjumi undertook to deliver the goods to Antwerp, where they were to be inspected by the colonels before being loaded on a ship.

Instead, Nodjumi, posing as one of the colonels, carried out the so-called inspection, Pownall said. Signatures on the certificate of inspection were forged, together with the Iranian embassy seal.

In his defence, Nodjumi said the operation was an elaborate undercover plot carried out with the connivance of Scotland Yard.

## Sports

### King's temperament sees her through

Post Sports Staff

Two protracted five set battles were the features of yesterday's Wimbledon tennis championships, but it was sentiment that took the spotlight as 39-year-old Billy Jean King, aiming for her 21st Wimbledon title, battled gamely to reach the third round of the women's event.

The two marathon men's matches saw fifth-seeded Swede Mats Wilander scrape home in his first round tie with John Fitzgerald of Australia 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 6-7, 6-4 and Brian Teacher of the U.S. overturn a set disadvantage and 2-4 in the fourth to put out Poland's Wojtek Fibak 7-6, 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 in a second round match.

But it was Mrs King who again won the affection of the packed Centre Court. Finding her old magic time and again she fought back repeatedly to put out Beth Herr, the American intercollegial champ and more than half her age, 6-7, 6-2, 8-6 to advance to the third round.

Eminently gracious, King was quick to praise Herr, after the victory. "I think Beth should have won," she said. "She played better, and smarter. Only her inexperience let her down."

### Indian delight

MANCHESTER (AP). — With a well-timed and excellently paced spin India's cricketers defeated England by six wickets at Old Trafford yesterday to earn the right to meet the West Indies in the World Cricket Cup final on Saturday at Lords.

The West Indies crushed Pakistan by eight wickets in the semi-final.

In reply to England's 213 all out in precisely 60 overs, India scored 217 for 4. Crowds of flag-waving cheering Indian fans crowded on to the pitch as the Indians drew level with the England score, but the three runs they had expected turned out to be only two. After the pitch had been cleared Patel clinched the victory with a four.

England had frittered away the advantage earned by Chris Tavara and Graeme Fowler's 69 run opening stand. They scored their runs off only 17 overs and England looked set for a target.

But after 50 overs the score stood at 166 for 6. Roger Binny, who saw off Australia on Monday, halted the early advance by removing Tavara, 33, and Fowler, 33, in the space of four overs.

Gower played a busy shot and was bowled for 17, the rest of the Indian order crumbled, and only a brave 29 and out from Dilley at the end gave the England bowlers a glimmer of hope.

Steady hitting, however, from Paul (61 not out), Yashpal Sharma (61) and Aravinda (51) kept their objective perfectly intact and they closed home with six wickets and six overs to spare.

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### Tel Aviv to host world sailing event

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top sailing squads from 15 countries have already registered for the world championships in class 420 sailboats to take place off the Tel Aviv coast from August 14 to 27.

Leading the Israel challenge will be Gil Yakimov and Danny Grünich, who took second place in last year's world championships in England, and the Ezra twins, Eldar and Adir, who were third in that event. It is not known yet whether Eytan Friedlander and Shimshon Brokman, who are now concentrating on the 470 class — an event in which they recently took the bronze medal of the world championships — will also take part.

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### TELEVISION

#### EDUCATIONAL:

8:15 Language and Communications 3-5  
8:40 Spoken Arabic 9:00 English 7 9:30  
Music 4-10:15 Science 10:30 The History of  
Fret Vivaldi 10:50 Fink's House  
Music 11:30 French 15:00 Programme for  
Nurturing Science: Modern Transportation (repeats) 16:00 Details of summer programmes 16:30 Here and There  
16:30 Follow Me — beginners' English for  
children (repeats) 17:00 A New Evening  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:  
17:30 Current Stories  
18:00 Children around the World  
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:  
18:30 News roundup  
18:32 Tarzan — cartoons  
19:00 Meeting — current affairs  
19:25 Ramadan quiz  
19:30 News

#### HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a news roundup

20:03 Match of the Week  
21:00 The Body in Question — series of TV essays in which Jonathan Miller chooses a medical topic and looks at it from different viewpoints: Shaping the Future  
22:30 Smiles' People, Part 3 of a 6-part serial based on John Le Carré's espionage novel, starring Alec Guinness, Bernard Hepton, Anthony Bates and Eileen Atkins  
23:10 Three's Company: Jack's Uncle  
23:25 News

#### JORDAN TV (unofficial):

17:30 cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:30  
(JTV 3) The Misadventure of Sheriff Lobo  
19:00 News in French 19:30 News in  
Hebrew 21:00 News in Arabic 20:30 News  
21:30 The Foundation 22:00 News in  
English 22:15 Feature Film

### ON THE AIR

#### Voice of music

6:00 Musical Clock  
7:07 Korngold: Overture to a Play, Op.4  
(MIT Orchestra, David Epstein);  
Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations  
(Rostropovich); Leningrad  
Radio-Symphony; Chausson: Holiday  
Eve, Op.32 (Toulouk); Kol Israel  
Orchestra plays — Hannek Schlesinger:  
Four Landscapes (Mendi Rodan); Zvi  
Avni: Prayer for Strings (Lukas Foss);  
Karl Solman: Overture of Greek Tunes  
(Gary Bertini); Karol Rathaus: Dance  
from Urael Acosta (Harold Barnet);  
Shlomo Jaffe: Beautiful City (Israel  
Edelson); Menahem Avdimov: Suite on A.  
B.C.H. (Shmuel Friedman); Paul Ben-  
Youn, Remembrance of Mitzmor (Shlomo  
Roth-Riklin); Ravel: Tombeau de  
Couperin (Zakerman); Elgar: Violin  
Concerto (Zakerman, London Philhar-  
monic, Barenboim); Schubert: Miriam's  
Victory Song; Grieg: Symphony in C  
(Bergen, Andersen)

#### 13:05 Music by Morton Gould, works by

Tchaikovsky, Nielsen and Caron  
15:00 Music Magazine  
15:30 Youth Programme — Guess What?  
16:30 Dulia and Ori Uziel, piano four-  
hands. Bach: Sonata in C;  
Mozhakovski: Spanish D



# Stepping down — but not out

The Jerusalem Post's Judy Siegel-Itzkovich talks to outgoing chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors Max Fisher.

ANYONE WHO believes that a person over the age of 70 can't change his views, or demand that others change theirs, hasn't met Max Fisher.

The outgoing chairman of the Jewish Agency board of governors, who will be 75 next month, has been calling for reforms in the agency and the World Zionist Organization (that political partisans a generation younger vigorously oppose).

It was at the sixth Agency assembly in 1977 that Fisher, a wealthy Detroit industrialist active in Jewish affairs for nearly 50 years, first called for the de-politicization of the Agency. He opposed the tendency by which department chairmen were appointed according to their party allegiances rather than their professional capabilities. Initiating this call for depoliticization when the Agency and the WZO were controlled by the Alignment, he has continued it through the years of Likud control.

Fisher has delivered this message at the assembly every summer since 1977; he has pressed for change in public speeches and behind the scenes. He is satisfied to some extent that chairmen of Jewish Agency departments, who must be approved by the Diaspora partners in the board of governors, are better qualified than before, but he would like chairmen of WZO departments to be chosen according to non-political criteria as well. Now leaving the chairmanship of the board after 13 years, Fisher will have to leave it to Jerrold Hoffberger, a Baltimore businessman and the newly elected board chairman, to fight the major battles.

But Fisher does not intend to give up the fight; he will remain a member of the Jewish Agency Executive and of the board of governors, and will chair the implementation committee of the "Caesarea Process."

FISHER WAS so concerned about the image problems of the Jewish Agency and the WZO that he personally commissioned a survey in May from Hanoach Smith's research centre about the topic. He found "startling" the finding that most Israelis admitted almost no knowledge of the Zionist movement's activities. Over 74 per cent agreed that the Israeli public knows very little about the Jerusalem Programme ratified by the Zionist Congress of 1968. Another 19 per cent did not answer, and admitted total ignorance. Only four per cent disagreed with the statement. (For those readers who do not know, the Jerusalem Programme is a commitment by members of the Zionist movement to the centrality of Israel and the importance of Jewish education and *aliya*, but the programme is not personally binding on each member regarding *aliya*.)

The Smith poll also found that a

very strong majority of 62 per cent favoured removing Israeli party politics from matters related to the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency. This is a position that Fisher has himself held for several years. The retiring board chairman uses these statistics as ammunition for his fight against politicization of the Agency and WZO.

HE IS hopeful that the "Caesarea Process," which refers to the dialogue between "Zionists" in the WZO and "non-Zionist" fund-raisers in the Jewish Agency, will bear fruit. It began three years ago, when representatives of the two groups isolated themselves in a Caesarea hotel for three days to discuss the problems the two organizations had.

Fisher gives credit to the "Zionists," for having established the movement that established the state. But he feels that the fund-raisers have come so much closer to the "Zionists" in the extent of their support for Israel that there is little reason to segregate them.

"I am a Zionist," declares Fisher, who before 1977 did not say so. "Jewish education is the number-one topic in the Diaspora now." Asked about all the funds that local Jewish



Max Fisher (JPPA)

communities in the U.S. spent on building "Jewish" hospitals that ended up being used mostly by non-Jews. Fisher explains: "They were built many years ago, when Jewish doctors couldn't get jobs at other hospitals. That passed, and then

there was no need to build more Jewish hospitals." Local money is increasingly used to support Jewish schools and Jewish social services to the aged, he says. Diaspora fund-raisers now agree that without Jewish education, many Jews are in danger of assimilating and disappearing.

*Aliya*, too, is no longer a "bad word" among Diaspora Jews, says Fisher. He doesn't accept David Ben-Gurion's definition of a Zionist as someone who comes on *aliya*, but Fisher does recognize living in Israel as a legitimate option for Western Jews. "Maybe the circumstances have changed; maybe I've changed," admits Fisher. "Someone with fixed ideas cannot develop." Over the years, he found delegates to the Zionist General Council (officially "Zionists") and delegates to the Jewish Agency Assembly (officially "non-Zionist fund-raisers"), who came to Israel for discussions, were talking about the same thing. "We believe the same things as the Zionists, but without the label." He says he would be pleased if any of his children decided to settle in Israel.

Fisher firmly believes that in the long run, there will be "only one

organization," not one segregated for "Zionists" and another for fund-raisers "non-Zionists." He maintains that he is "trying to stimulate them to face the facts of life." If the WZO does not de-politicize itself, he declares, it will either disappear or be forced to change with the times.

He dismisses fears voiced among representatives of Zionist parties that the fund-raisers aim at taking over the WZO and the Jewish Agency because they collect and contribute the funds that allow them to operate. He views the ideal as a partnership between the two. "Let's do it together."

NEAR THE end of the interview in his favourite King David Hotel suite overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, Fisher puts on another "hat" — his activities in the Republican Party. Fisher strongly believes that President Ronald Reagan will run for re-election and will receive the support of many more American Jewish voters who are gradually becoming more conservative. Only a week before he flew to Israel, Fisher attended a White House meeting of U.S. Republican Jews.

He laughs at the claim by one

Reagan Administration official that Reagan "doesn't need the Jewish vote." In fact, says Fisher, "the Jewish vote is very much needed, and the administration knows it." Fisher declines to give his opinion on the controversial "Reagan initiative" for the Middle East, but does say that he is for anything that could further peace. As for the mooted Israeli evacuation to lines closer to its northern border, Fisher believes that such matters are "between Lebanon and the State of Israel" and not to be dictated by the American government.

Fisher had a private meeting with President Hosni Mubarak in February, and found that he "genuinely believes in peace with Israel."

Secretary of State Shultz has been a "great stabilizing influence," making up for problems caused by Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, just as Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens has soothed feelings ruffled by Ariel Sharon, says Fisher.

He remarks that his interest in national and Republican affairs, however great, are nevertheless overshadowed by his concern for Jewish matters.

Recently, the Agency board chairman bought his own private plane, and he now flies from Jewish community to Jewish community, collecting information and support for his ideas. He can be expected to continue to do so, even though he is officially stepping down from the voluntary position of board of governors chairman.

## The trouble with TATITO

By HELGA DUDMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

EXPRESSING satisfaction at the progress made here during the recent Steering Committee session of the United Zionists Abroad (UZA), preparatory to the forthcoming meeting of the UZA General Council and Counterparts, which will be closely followed by a mini-maxi plenum of the RZO (Real Zionists' Organization), to which disgruntled observers have been invited, delegates explained late last night that the only problems yet un-hammered are those of ideology and portfolios.

Unclear, however, are the vice-chair personships and wall-to-wall carping on issues raised by the Youth Division of the JCA (Jewish Caravan Appeal), who feel slighted at not having been asked to the forthcoming meeting in Elat of the Inter-Ministerial Touring Group which is probing closer contact with HENZ (Herut Embattled in New Zealand), USOSI (United States Outpost for Socialism in Israel), ERZ (Ego Renewal for Zionists),

ZAP (Zionist Agency for Portfolios), WZATOZ (World Zionists Against Those Other Zionists), and ZAM (Zionists Against the Media).

Expressing satisfaction at the satisfaction expressed by many Israelis regarding the multi-faceted work of these organizations, and especially at the heart-warming familiarity evidenced by children in all walks of life vis-a-vis recurring congresses, the delegates sang songs along party lines.

Earlier, informed sources in the men's washrooms (and, it goes without saying, in the women's washrooms as well) viewed with alarm the divisive tactics displayed by unacquainted delegates from a new movement, "TATITO," an acronym for the Hebrew *Tnu'a Lema'an Tikum Tovim* (movement for good portfolios). This sounded like dangerous baby-talk, said one veteran congress-goer, noting that "if one has to have Hebrew words, they should at least be familiar ones,

like YOLA — *Yordim Lema'an Aliya* (emigrants for immigration).

Stiff opposition, combined with cautious support, is expected from the Middle-Aged Division of the IJWZOFNI (Jobs in Jerusalem with Zionist Organizations for New Immigrants) whose Fact-Finding Mission will arrive shortly to meet with its General Assembly, Expanded Executive, and Platform Commission. At issue are expected to be the portfolios for *aliya*, information, culture, trips, pioneering, youth, and crabbled age. Nobody wants the economy portfolio, even though it comes in gleaming wipe-clean alligator binding, with space for a three-letter acronym.

A sound-and-light performance depicting the growth of Zionist organizations has been choreographed and funded by the newly created Association for the Creation of Reconstituted Organizations for Nationalist Youth Motivation (ACRONYM).

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Zubin Mehta conducting with Florence Quivar, mezzo-soprano. The Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir (directed by Michael Shani) and the Pannellin Children's Choir (directed by Eilat Jagger). Tel Aviv, June 18. Mahler: Symphony No. 3 in D minor.

THOUGH OVER one-and-a-half hours long, Mahler's third symphony is nevertheless one of his lighter works. It contains little *Weltschmerz*, the tragic vein is suppressed, and convulsions and upheavals are few. Mahler's tortured soul seems, at least for a while, at rest and at peace with the world. The symphony ends with an overwhelming hymn of love, which dispels all shadows.

As in all of Mahler's symphonies, you must accept the whole of Mahler, including the most shameless banality. The first movement of the third virtually reveals in it. This appeared to be an obstacle for Zubin Mehta, who was unable to reconcile the banal details with the underlying concept of the movement. Even in so Mahlerian a movement, there is a deeper significance, which failed to come across.

Mehta's approach to the movement was direct and noisy, but the orchestra played marvelously and even the brass section was at its most accomplished.

Fortunately, things improved after the opening. The Menuetto was delicate and soft and the Scherzo, with its bird calls and naive posthorn behind the stage, rather colourful. In the fourth movement, Florence Quivar's glorious mezzo introduced deep human involvement and gave significant musical expression to the philosophical introspection of Nietzsche's text. The following movement, the fifth, with text from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*, again disappointed; the two choirs were barely audible. The chorists contributed almost nothing to the performance.

But then came the wonderful finale, which dispelled all the banality, superficiality and other shortcomings. The music swelled up from within, engulfing the listener from all directions. This song of overflowing love grew, with the strings, later joined by brass, sounding gloriously. Mehta extracted immensely rich, almost luminous, sonorities. With the last radiant major chord, the movement seemed to embrace, possibly as Mahler had imagined, the whole world.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Philharmonia, Klaus Tennstedt conducting; with Richard Lesser, clarinet (Tel Aviv, Mass Auditorium, June 13). All Mozart programmes: Symphony No. 32 in G major, K. 318; Concerto in A major for clarinet and orchestra, K. 622; Symphony No. 39 in E-flat major, K. 543.

THIS CONCERT further enhanced Tennstedt's reputation as an interpreter of exceptional insight.

## World embrace

MUSIC REVIEWS

What was striking at the beginning of each work was the perfection of orchestral sound. With each beginning the orchestra seemed as if born anew. The sound then cleared the way to the music, with the motifs, the phrases and passages all assuming great significance, falling into order and creating, step by step, the section, the movement and finally the whole work.

Tennstedt's concentration on details was no less remarkable than his ability to spin the thread and perceive the grand design in its entirety. Tennstedt's style of interpretation makes for exciting listening. His movements are markedly modest, but music actually flows from his hands.

Both Mozart symphonies were given master interpretations. No. 32 emerged as if played in one breath — an uninterrupted flow of happiness, brightness and joy. It was a jubilant Mozart who smiled at us all through the performance.

No. 39 on the other hand introduced reflection, depth of feeling and turbulence. With amazing clarity it all stood out in remarkable colours bringing satisfaction and fulfilment.

In between the two symphonies stood the clarinet concerto with Richard Lesser. Lesser is an admirable clarinetist and his performance was smooth and technically flawless. The tone however, though pleasant, lacked depth and did not rise from within. Musically Lesser's treatment of the work seemed superficial, staying most of the time on the surface of what might perhaps have been revealed.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Gary Bertini conducting; with Rudolf Buchbinder, piano (Jerusalem Theatre - June 14). Beethoven: "Lovers" Overture No. 3; Schumann: Piano Concerto; Oedipus Rex; "Pasha"; Mussorgsky: Scene from "The Fair of Sorochinsk," with Daniel Ziff, bass; the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir (Michael Shani), the Girls' Choir of Kibbutz Merz (Rabbi Baruch), the Girls' Choir of Boyer-Danmark School, Jerusalem, (Anna Merz).

THE "CLASSICAL" programme construction, combining the well-known with the interesting, offered an overture, a concerto, an Israeli composition and a "Grand Finale." A dramatic reading of the "Leonore" No.3 exhausted all the tension inherent in the opera's libretto, though the heavenly relief of having been saved from deadly danger through the Governor's arrival in the nick of time might have

found more contrasting expression — more intense than tense (Beethoven prescribed *pp* and *p dolce* after the trumpet signal).

Rudolf Buchbinder repeated his triumph (of his solo recital last week) in a virile but poetical interpretation of the Schumann concerto. The pearly fluency of runs and chordic constellations did not lose their impact on the listener, and his devoted and un-mannered performance served well to bring out the best of this score. Cooperation between soloist and conductor, and consequently of the orchestra, was exemplary. A delicious encore — Beethoven's Bagatelle opus 33, No. 5 in C — crowned his presentation.

"Paths" by Oedipus Partos, written in 1969 for the Lotte Steinberg Memorial Foundation for Kibbutz Ein-Gev, and premiered by William Steinberg at the festival there in the following year, is still a difficult piece of music to appreciate. Fractured motifs and much percussion colouring, contrasting with tone clusters and aleatoric devices, are supposed to describe man's way from the cradle to his grave. Of course, this is not programme music, but philosophical underpinnings in this case do not help to bring this music nearer to full appreciation. Bertini's direction was forceful and dedicated, and the orchestra's performance was alert and proficient.

Mussorgsky's "Fair of Sorochinsk" is quite unknown in our country, though everybody recognized immediately the music, better known as "Night on the Bare Mountain." A huge assembly of chorists added their voices to the orchestra's noisy Witches' Sabbath; Daniel Ziff sang his few lines with customary musicality, and Bertini had a field day directing this impressive finale.

JEAN-PIERRE RAMPAL, flute, assisted by Ruth Menze, piano (Jerusalem Theatre-June 17). Telemann: Sonata in F minor; Bach: Partita in A minor, BWV 1013; Beethoven: Serenade in D, opus 41 (based on opus 25); Paganini: Sonata (1957); Enescu: Cantabile and Presto; Bartok: Hungarian Suite.

TO PERFORM every day and in different locations is an imposition on any artist, and the summer heat does not make life any easier. Obviously, even a robust man like Rampal cannot stand up to this schedule without showing signs of fatigue, and his recital at the Jerusalem Theatre — arranged for lack of an available evening for 2:30

p.m. on Friday — bore traces of this condition.

But the audience, despite the hour and the *sharav*, filled the hall to overflowing, crowding the stage with some 150 chairs, and did not seem to mind any shortcomings in the offerings.

In the Bach Partita, only the well-known Sarabande emerged in all its serene beauty, the quicker movements suffering from sturred phrasing and unclear diction. Beethoven's Serenade — originally for flute and two string instruments — is an arrangement, though authorized by Beethoven for publication, which does not stand up in comparison to the original.

Rampal recovered after the interval to present a spirited and charming rendition of the Poulenc Sonata, a committed reading of Enescu's piece, obviously strongly influenced by French Impressionism (Debussy, Faure, Chausson), and brought the recital to a rousing close with the Bartok Suite.

Rampal can do no wrong with our audience, and enthusiastic applause forced him to add an ethereal "Dance of the Blessed Spirits" from Gluck's "Orfeo" and a brilliant transcription of one of Chopin's famous Valses.

HEINRICH SCHUETZ-KREIS, Berlin, Wolfgang Markowitz conducting (Church of the Redeemer, Old City, Jerusalem-June 16). Liturgical Music by Schuetz, De Felis, Papp, Mautschberger, Brahms, Bach. Choir Songs in Folk-Tone by Henkel, Orlando di Lasso, Widmann, Passerini, Madrigals by Morley, Cantata settings by Isaac, Regar, Dastler, Feyling, Sticker, Koch.

THE FIRST part, Liturgical Music, was presented inside the church, with reverberating acoustics making it difficult to follow the vocal lines. The clear and crisp conditions in the cloisters where the second, secular part of the programme was delivered, helped attest to the quality of the choir. Also, its seriousness was unbecoming a bit, which relaxed the general atmosphere and helped to make the presentations more enjoyable. Artists should be seen to enjoy their music making, and I am sure, this visibility imprints itself on the performance and induces higher receptivity on the part of the listeners.

The "characteristic quality of sound," producing sonorities reminiscent of boys' voices, which was stressed in the leaflet as "an ideal," seems to produce only a somewhat "white sound" which is not always to everybody's taste. Within these reservations, the performance of the Schuetz-Kreis, Berlin, was representative of a long choral tradition and gave witness to precise and painstaking preparations, coupled with devoted service to music.

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## Indifferent market performance

EL AVIV. — The equity market's indifferent performance yesterday was similar to that of the past two days. The General Share Index was down 0.06%, while the Tel Aviv 100 was up 0.06%.

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

tion of Adanim and Independence Mortgage. The former was 6.8% higher, while the latter was a 5% winner.

Specialized financial institutions, on balance, were somewhat higher. Clal Leasing 0.5 was nearly 7% higher, while Shilton slipped by 6.5%.

Insurance issues performed indifferently, with small price movements. Zion Holdings 1.0 was the only casualty, as its shares fell by just over 6%.

Service and trade issues provided a measure of volatility, but prices generally eased. Cold Storage 0.1 continued to behave poorly, as it lost a full 10%. Galei Zohar slipped in with a 5% gain. The Cold Storage group was under selling pressure. The 0.1 shares were "sellers only," while the 0.5 stock was 5.9% lower. The option was clobbered for an 11% loss.

Land development, real estate

and citrus plantation shares wound up the session on the sunny side, with small gains throughout. HLB Investments 0.1 maintained its recent winning posture as it was up by 2.1%. The Luminar shares were ahead by some 3% on the average. Newly issued Amnonim was two points lower, but the option came under selling pressure and was clipped for a loss of nearly 13%.

Industrials generally trended lower. Atlas, the *Avia* manufacturer, saw its shares go south by 8.5%. The option was "sellers only." Finally, the buying pressures on the Alliance shares evaporated. A small offer, however, had no effect on their price.

There were some winners as well. Dafron 1.0 picked up a 10% gain. Nechustan 0.5, however, was down by 10%.

Investment company stocks traded somewhat higher. Unico and Elgar were the beneficiaries of 10% gains. Wolfson 0.1, however, was felled for a 10% loss. Clal Trade was heavily traded and picked up 10%. The two Clal Trade options followed suit and advanced by similar margins. Sahar Holdings 1.0 was 10% lower, while Piryon was down 6.6%.

### Payment problems in Iraq, Nigeria and Libya

FRANKFURT (Reuters). — Iraq, Nigeria and Libya are all finding it increasingly difficult to pay for construction work already started in their countries, a major West German building firm reported this week.

Hermann Becker, chief executive of Philipp Holzmann, West Germany's biggest construction company, said Iraq now owed his com-

pany 35 to 40 million marks (\$13.7m. to \$15.7m.) for work already completed on a canal and a power station.

Nigeria was 115m. marks (\$45m.) in arrears and Libya about 30m. marks (\$11.8m.).

The three countries, which are all members of OPEC, have effectively ordered a halt on new construction orders, Becker added.

### IS30m. Koestler estate

LONDON (AP). — Arthur Koestler and his wife, Cynthia, who committed suicide together in March, left more than £400,000 (\$529,900,000) to advance the study of psychic phenomena, according to their wills published this week.

The wills, published in London Probate Court, said the bulk of their estate should be used to establish a chair of parapsychology at a British university. They did not specify which one.

### Issue fully taken up

TEL AVIV. — The \$25 million in floating rate notes recently issued on the Eurodollar market by a consortium led by Bank Leumi, has been fully taken up. The notes, for five years, will bear interest of one quarter of one per cent above the London Interbank rate. Interest will be 10% per cent during the first six months.

### NORTH DOME. — The Qatar

General Petroleum Company this week signed a protocol of understanding with British Petroleum and the Compagnie Francaise des Petroles to carry out a four to six billion dollar gas gathering project in the North Dome region. The companies were each offered 7.5% of the shares in the liquefied natural gas project.

### \$40M. TURBINES. — General

Electric has signed a \$40 million contract to supply Saudi Arabia with six gas turbines to boost the pressure of gas collected from several gas-oil separation plants in the Marjan oil field and pipe it ashore. The Marjan field is approximately 100 km. off Saudi Arabia's coast.

### BRUSH FIRES. — The Haifa fire

brigade is urging the public and factory owners to clear shrubs and weeds from around their homes to reduce the risk of brush fires. The winter rains have caused a proliferation of plants, and as a result, firemen are now dealing with up to 20 brush fires a day throughout the region, said a brigade spokesman.

### GRAIN. — The U.S. and the Soviet

Union began a new round of talks in Moscow yesterday to explore prospects for a new long-term grain agreement.

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Closing prices were not available.

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## Arbitration only way out

MEDICAL catastrophe is no longer a hyperbole. It is what the country is just now experiencing. With increasing numbers of hospital doctors going on hunger strike, and many of them physically collapsing in the process, wards are closing down, and even entire hospitals. Those hospitals that are still open advise people who may seek admission to stay away, except in the most dire emergencies. The spectre of avoidable death haunts Israel.

Faced with such an unprecedented national crisis, it might perhaps have been expected that the parties to the dispute between the doctors and the government would stop dragging their feet and hasten to cut the Gordian knot they have so assiduously woven over a period of many months. But the prospects of this happening are not very pleasing.

The Minister of Finance, Yoram Aridor, holding the Histadrut's impecunious sick fund as his hostage, is still clenching his fist. Eliezer Shostak, the Minister of Health, speaking in the Knesset, is blaming the opposition — that is, the Histadrut — for not forcing his colleague's fist open. And the doctors high-handedly insist on a deal that would, after setting off a spiral of wage demands throughout the economy, leave them just where they were in the first place.

With all parties concerned blithely playing a game of brinkmanship while patients suffer and, perhaps, die, it is clear that the only way out lies in agreed arbitration. Once arbitration is agreed upon the doctors' strike would end.

Arbitration, compulsory if need be, in labour disputes is an old Revisionist-Herut article of faith. Two years ago it was written into the policy guidelines of the second Likud government under Prime Minister Menachem Begin. "The government will strive to improve labour relations and to reduce disputes affecting the economy, including legislation for state-judicial arbitration in essential services."

Like several other undertakings made by the new government at the time this one, too, has not been made good. The promised bill for arbitration in labour disputes in essential services has never been submitted to the Knesset. But the commitment to the idea of arbitration presumably remains intact. Thus it could readily be applied to the present dispute in the essential service known as medicine, provided only the doctors are willing to go along. The doctors are reported to be willing.

So, indeed, is the Histadrut — meaning, politically, the Labour Alignment — despite its opposition, as a matter of principle, to compulsory arbitration. A considerable part of the coalition Knesset faction also favours arbitration. The only stumbling block appears to be the government. The government, says Dr. Yosef Burg, the Interior Minister, cannot allow some outside body to commit it to the expenditure of the taxpayers' money.

But in that case, should not the government officially renounce one of its policy guidelines? So long as it does not do so, the government cannot deny the compelling logic of agreed arbitration in the doctors' dispute.

## Arafat under fire

THE SIMMERING revolt within Fatah against the leadership of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat took a dramatic turn earlier this week. For the first time since the revolt broke out, on May 7, Syrian forces in eastern Lebanon are reported to have intervened massively on the side of the insurgent officers. Committing both troops and tanks to the fray, Damascus enabled the anti-Arafat forces to take over eight important loyalist bases in the Bekaa and to seize effective control of the main Beirut-Damascus highway.

The Fatah rebels are seeking to wean their movement away from the diplomacy-oriented policies associated with Arafat to an outright commitment to armed struggle as the sole means of realizing Palestinian national aspirations.

Until this week, however, the rebels appeared to be relatively isolated, with only Libya — and the Libyan-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command led by Ahmed Jibril — clearly supporting them. The Syrians, and the two major pro-Syrian groups within the PLO — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatma's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine — while plainly in sympathy with the dissidents, stood on the sidelines. They sought to bring about a truce that would leave Arafat in command while forcing him to accept a more militant line.

All that now seems to have changed. Evidently surprised by the degree of support the rebels appear to enjoy within Fatah, Damascus may now have come down openly on the side of the Fatah rebels.

This is a move that could have a crucial bearing on the future of the PLO. For if Damascus has indeed now chosen to do openly what it has been trying covertly to do for some years now — replace the increasingly independent and increasingly "moderate" Arafat with someone more amenable to its bidding — then the stage could be set for a breakup of the PLO.

Assuming he still manages to retain the allegiance of a large portion of Fatah, Arafat might continue to press for a Palestinian state to be achieved largely through diplomatic pressure and negotiation. But the significant anti-Arafat minority inside Fatah, welded into a pro-Syrian (and pro-Soviet) coalition with the PFLP, the DFLP and other radical groups making up the PLO, would constitute a formidable rival for the political loyalty of the Palestinians.

The best that Arafat can hope for is that, as the Syrians planned originally, he would be left in a position of leadership while forced to endorse the rebel programme.

In Jerusalem, either eventuality would be welcomed as a beneficial outcome of Operation Peace for Galilee. True, the PLO could not be extirpated as a terrorist organization. But the danger that a unified PLO under Arafat's unchallenged command might be treated as a legitimate partner in the search for a peaceful solution of the Palestine problem would effectively vanish.

## MAPAM AND LABOUR — TWO VIEWS

# Family benefits

By DAVID TWERSKY

TODAY Mapam convenes to determine, among other things, the future of its alignment with the Labour party.

It has become fashionable among pundits of both the left and the right to advocate an end to the 15-year-old relationship. They maintain that the alignment has not led to full unity, like the former arrangement between Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda, now both submerged within the Labour Party.

The Alignment did not prevent the rise of the right to power, or the decline in the general fortunes of the workers' movement; furthermore, it contributes to the lack of a clear-cut voice in the larger party, and to a diminishing of the leftist-dovish voice within Mapam.

There are those in Labour's right wing and those in Mapam's left who sincerely believe that a split will lead to both greater clarity and to a larger total share of the votes.

In fact, the only published poll on the subject indicated only a marginal gain in the total vote, and a studied indifference on the part of most voters to the whole question.

Actually, what separates Labour from Mapam is largely the burden of history. There are current differences in tone, pitch, slant, emphasis; but there are only minor differences on paper when one compares resolutions and positions.

Mapam, like Labour, opposes a third-state solution, preferring some kind of West Bank-Jordanian link-up. Labour, like Mapam, opposes the annexation of the heavily populated areas in the territories as completely contradictory to the Jewish and democratic characteristics of Israeli society. Labour's social democrats agree with Mapam's democratic socialists that the basic building blocks of a non-statist Israeli socialism are in place, and that they must be defended from the assault against them. How the Histadrut, Hevrat

Ovdim and the Kibbutz movements are to advance from their base to the next level is a useful and legitimate debate, but hardly one which justifies a separate approach to the voters.

It is, of course, foreign policy which excites the greatest amount of passion and which generates the heat around the differences which do exist. Labour was inclined towards going along with the initial 40-kilometre stage of last summer's war in Lebanon; Mapam was not. But just as Labour had Yossi Sarid, Mapam had Imri Ron — the substantive policy distinctions, such as they are, cut through both parties rather than between them. And Labour has now unanimously adopted a two-stage unilateral withdrawal scheme that Mapam would have difficulty outflanking from the left.

Mapam may have a higher tolerance for terms like "Palestinian self-determination" and "socialism" — but when one translates these into policy stands, and, more to the point, into issues one can articulate to the voting public and not only to a group of intellectuals, one wonders what all the fuss is about.

One might admit to the radical, and unfortunate, logic in a proposal to re-align both Mapam and Labour around more dovish and more hawkish magnetic poles. But will a movement like Mapam's Kibbutz Artzi, which remains so centralist as to refuse a member kibbutz the right to an autonomous decision on where to put its children to sleep, countenance a large number of member kibbutzim gravitating to the Labour pole? Furthermore, those within Labour who are more inclined towards the Mapam majority on foreign affairs

are not necessarily Mapam's partners on social and economic policy. This may be confusing, but a simple minded response is both inadequate and impolitic. Would Abba Eban go with Mapam? Would Yisrael Galili stay in Labour?

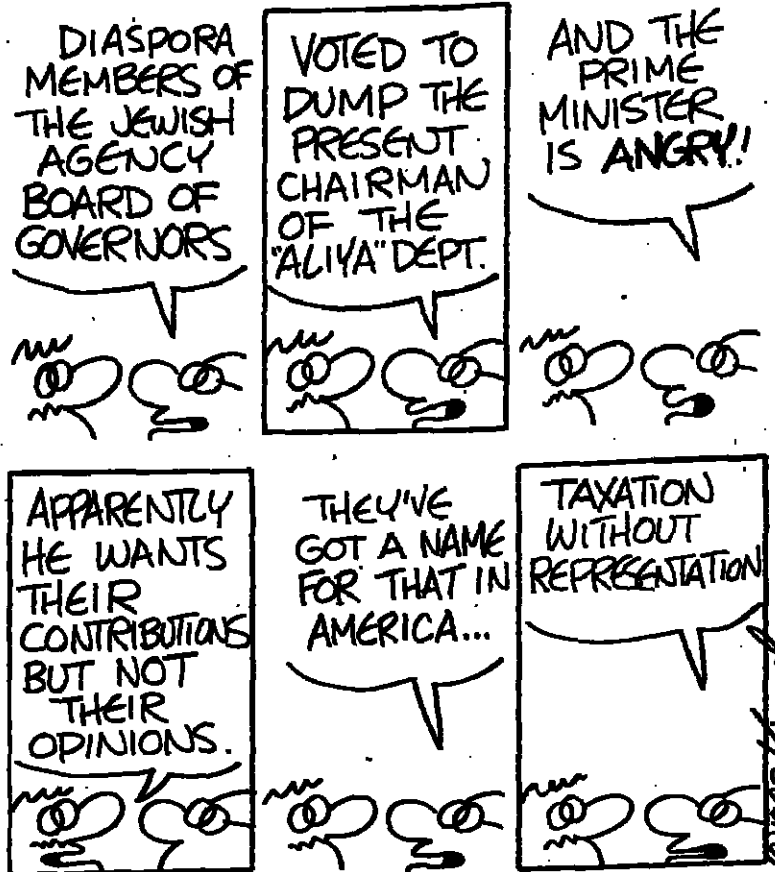
THERE is a general labour movement consensus. Within its space, there are those who, while rejecting an Israeli return to the old 1967 borders, are primarily inflamed by the *de facto* annexation of the territories. And there are those who, while absolutely opposed to the brutalities and warped priorities in the territories, focus their primary political energies on making sure that Israel will not be forced back to what it believes are indefensible and therefore bad-for-peace borders.

The emerging consensus between these two groups, in evidence at (Labour's) United Kibbutz Movement meeting in April, should show the way.

Instead, Mapam left-wingers and Labour right-wingers continue to see in each other their worst enemies. In part this is understandable: "you only hurt the one you love." Of the right, neither had any expectations. They could only really disappoint each other. But while psychologically explicable, a split would be far from politically healing. It might be rather closer to suicide. One example is fixed in my mind: when the United Kibbutz Movement voted 58 per cent to 42 per cent in favour of "extending Israeli law to the Golan Heights," Mapam friends said, "how could we ever join a kibbutz movement like that?" But a simple exercise in political mathematics revealed that with Kibbutz Artzi inside an expanded United Kibbutz Movement, there would have been an overwhelming majority against the Golan law!

As has been repeatedly pointed out, there is a dovish plurality

## Dry Bones



among Labour MKs; this group needs to be joined and not undermined by a split. The election dynamics of separate lists will force Mapam to attack its once and future Labour ally relentlessly, only to join a Labour-led coalition (assuming there is one) at the end of the road. Those who argue that a smaller but independent Mapam will have more say in a future Labour coalition, ("look at Aguda, with four seats they get so much") miss the main point. Aguda can sit astride "the centre" so long as foreign policy and defence and economic policy are the major issues, precisely because it has a Labour-option in addition to its Likud option. (The NRP, having forgotten the logic of this, is now trying to regain its Labour option.) Mapam has no other option — except to willy-nilly bring down a Labour

government and allow the Likud to finish its work. Surely, such an irresponsible move would never carry in Mapam. Rakah will play the role of the never-satisfied ultra-left which will both attack and defend a Labour regime; we do not need another in that role. Mapam cannot afford itself the luxury of that posture.

Israel needs a labour party based around a pragmatic, peace-seeking foreign policy and a humane and responsible economic and social programme. In such a party, there is room for democratic socialists and for social democrats, for both Mapam doves and Labour hawks: for Yair Zaban and Gad Ya'acobi, for Imri Ron and Yossi Sarid.

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# Changing the map

By DANNY SHAPIRO

Mapam has been deeply affected by several Alignment decisions over the past few years. The first was the debate on the Golan Law of December 1981, in which the Alignment faction decided to abstain, against the wishes of Mapam (whose seven members voted against) and in contradiction to the Alignment platform, which calls for territorial compromise in all of the occupied territories.

The second shock was Labour's cynical cooption of Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz last spring, in an attempt to topple the Likud and form an alternative coalition. The move, which was done without prior consultation with Mapam, failed, and further tarnished the Alignment's image in the eyes of the public.

The maneuver caused so much turmoil in Mapam that even those who had previously been staunch proponents of the Alignment began to talk seriously of disbanding it. At that moment, however, the war broke out and discussions on the future of the Alignment were shelved in favour of more pressing issues.

Those who propose to break up the Alignment will marshal some powerful arguments at the approaching Congress. Disappointment with Labour, and Mapam's inability to pursue its most basic goals within the constraints of the Alignment, are the most important.

Opponents of the Alignment feel that over the years Mapam has lost a great deal of its independent identity, and that its image has been tainted by its association with the Labour Party.

There is also an important current in Mapam that believes Israel needs an independent voice to expound a socialist and dovish position. If it is to attain its goals in, for instance, the Knesset and the Histadrut, and even more with the public, Mapam cannot be weighed down by the baggage of the Alignment.

OPPONENTS of an independent Mapam (those who want to maintain the Alignment) point to Sheli as an example of the dangers awaiting an independent left-wing party in Israel. Opponents of the Alignment quickly respond that Sheli was a mélange of doves like Matti Peled and Uri Avnery, Socialist-Zionists with deep roots in the Labour movement such as Lova Elav and Ran Cohen, and Black Panthers such as Sa'adia Marciano. Sheli discovered quickly that a small

ideological party cannot afford such heterogeneity; and it quickly fell apart under the strain.

On this score, Mapam has much less to worry about. It has a small but firm organizational, demographic and financial base in the Kibbutz Artzi federation. And it is much more homogenous and ideologically coherent than Sheli.

Electoral, too, a breaking-up of the Alignment may have definite advantages, particularly if Mapam's major concern is (as it should be) the replacing of the Likud government as opposed to maintaining or increasing its own electoral strength. It is no secret that there is a significant number of voters dissatisfied with the Likud but hesitant to vote for an Alignment that includes Mapam and such figures as

Yossi Sarid and Shulamit Aloni. The formation of an independent Mapam, which in turn would very likely cause the exodus of Sarid, the left wing of Labour, and Shulamit Aloni and her Citizen's Rights Movement, will enable the Labour Party to compete more successfully for centre and centre-right voters, and cut into the Likud's support.

Furthermore, an alternative left-dovish coalition with Mapam at its centre could attract many former Sheli voters, and cut into Rakah's support, especially within the Arab sector.

All these factors, combined with the shocks of the last few years, may finally bring about the disbandment of the Alignment and with it a significant change in the Israeli political map.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### DOCTORS' SALARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — If anyone deserves more money, it is doctors, nurses and teachers.

As to the "profession" earning high fees — good luck to them if people are prepared to pay them. In my experience, many (not all) of them, having reached the peak of their professions, are too big for their boots; they have, en route, lost a good deal of their humanity, they

have stopped reading the latest medical information, and many of them treat their patients with a kind of silent contempt.

However, the young doctors deserve every penny they are demanding. Let the government stop importing some of the *nouveaux riches* luxuries and pay doctors, nurses and teachers what they deserve. UNA WEILER Jerusalem.

### DISGUSTING PERFORMANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is with disgust that I read about and observe on TV the antics of the "doctors" at Soroka Hospital. The political move of voluntary starvation, to death if need be, is a tacit repudiation of the Hippocratic oath.

Maybe these medically qualified persons should hesitate to call them doctors — think that all the honourable profession should descend to the level of common politics. Have they forgotten that they are free to resign if they are dissatisfied with their terms of ser-

vice, rather than hold their patients to ransom?

Better by far for them to produce a cogent argument to advance their cause to the population rather than play with our health and their own. DR. DORON Kibbutz Gat.

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